

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (currently amended) The combination of a foundation and an offshore structure mountable in the foundation, wherein the offshore structure comprises an end part having a leading end portion of substantially conical shape and controllable alignment means located on the leading end part, the foundation comprising a socket comprising a base surface of substantially conical shape sized substantially to conform with the substantially conical leading end portion, an intermediate supporting part and an upper body having an internal guiding surface that is frusto-conical, wherein the socket operatively receives the leading end part such that the conical base surface and the conical leading end portion are in juxtaposition and the internal guiding surface operatively provides a reaction surface against which the adjustable controllable alignment means operatively act for adjustment of the offshore structure into a desired alignment when the end part has been accommodated in the socket, the alignment means detachable from the end part after the end part is inserted in the foundation, and wherein the inner surface of the intermediate supporting part and the outer surface of the end part adjacent the substantially conical leading end portion of the structure are cylindrical.

11-13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10 wherein said inner and outer surfaces are spaced apart in use.

15. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10 wherein a curved, substantially spherical or part spherical element is disposed on the tip of the leading end portion whereby the conical leading end portion is prevented from fully abutting the conical base surface of the socket.

Claims 16-28 (canceled).

29. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10 wherein the alignment means are a plurality of hydraulic cylinders.

30. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a means for recovering the alignment means from the end part after the end part is inserted into the foundation and the alignment means is detached from the end part.

31. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10, the alignment means moveable along the length of the end part.

32. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10, the alignment means reattachable to the end part.

33. (previously presented) A combination as claimed in claim 10 wherein the alignment means are removeable.